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## COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2C468

Pentagon

at 1:30 pm, 21 April 1961

## PRESIDING

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State  
Lt. Col. W. C. Herrington, JCS  
Col. J. W. Boucher, OACSI  
Capt. F. M. Murphy, ONIMaj. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN  
[redacted] NSA  
CIA

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## CONSULTANTS PRESENT

\* Mr. J. Neubert, State  
Lt. Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI  
Lt. Col. J. W. Morris, OACSI  
Maj. J. D. Bowlby, OACSI  
\* Capt. R. Rolf, OACSI  
\* Capt. R. Sherwood, OACSI  
Mr. J. T. Hughes, OACSI  
Mr. J. McLaughlin, OACSI  
Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI  
Lt. Cdr. R. E. Pyle, ONI  
Lt. Col. W. L. Hall, AFCINMaj. S. J. Moran, AFCIN  
\* Mai. J. R. Peartree, AFCIN  
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\* Mr. M. Hendrickson, CIA  
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Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA  
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\* Present at Item 1 only.

Briefing on Indochina Situation

1. Mr. John Hughes at the request of Colonel Boucher, Army representative, presented a very informative briefing on materials acquired over Indochina in January, some of it being a comparison with that acquired in 1959 (a sixteen-month interval). This briefing some of the members had

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seen. The Chairman in convoking the meeting invited the members to bring or send from their agencies those whom they wished to see the briefing.

COMOR Recommendations for Coverage of Indochina

2. Due to the comments of the NSA in a memorandum of 17 April [redacted] on the Air Force memorandum (TH-0817-61, 5 April), the Chairman requested that the members remain after the foregoing briefing had been concluded to explore what disagreement in fact existed with regard to the COMOR recommendation on recoverage of South China and Hainan Island (paragraph 3 of COMOR-M-19, 11 April 1961). After careful re-examination of that memorandum they agreed to the following revision of the first three paragraphs (the rest remaining the same):

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(3) Previous Indochina and ChiCom U-2 photography has demonstrated that we can learn details bearing upon airfield activity, rail transportation activity, port activity, military encampments, and in some cases, electronic installations.

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The Chairman stated that he would immediately send forward a revised memorandum to accord with the views of the COMOR. (This was done immediately after the meeting.)

New ZEBUB Coverage

3. Colonel Herrington reported that arrangements had already been made with the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence by the Chairman of the JCS for recovery of certain targets in Cuba, that the JCS targets had been forwarded directly to the Intelligence Officer/DPD, [REDACTED] and that the CINCLANT requirements would be shortly forwarded by ONI.

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4. The COMOR recommends:

a. Processing at the field base on the next mission with fast move of the original negative to NPIC.

b. The prompt alerting of the JCS and Navy of the preliminary readout (OAR). Upon receipt of the original negative NPIC will produce an OAR supplement.

5. It was finally agreed that the representatives concerned with this question would meet in the Chairman's office at 1:30 on Monday, 24 April, to make arrangements for the continued covering of Cuba which the JCS requires.

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JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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